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SUBJECT: URUGUAYAN LAWS ON AGENTS PARTICIPATING IN SALES TO GOU

REF: STATE 258169

1. THERE IS ONLY ONE URUGUAYAN LAW--DECREE 104/1968-- ON THIS SUBJECT AND IT HAS ONLY LIMITED RELEVANCE TO DEPARTMENT'S INTEREST. COPY OF THIS LAW BEING POUCHED L/PM.
2. DECREE 104/1968 REQUIRES PUBLIC TENDERING FOR ALL GOU PURCHASES ABOVE NP \$250. IN GENERAL, TENDERS ARE OPEN TO ALL BIDDERS, FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC, AND THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT OR PRO-

HIBITION FOR PARTICIPATION OF AGENTS. IF SPECIFIED IN THE TENDER, FOREIGN BIDDERS MUST BE REPRESENTED BY A LOCAL AGENT.

3. ARTICLE 60 OF DECREE 104/1968 PROVIDES FOR GENERAL REGISTRY OF BIDDERS, BUT IN FACT THIS PROVISION OF LAW HAS NEVER BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

4. THERE IS NO LEGAL PROVISION REGULATING OR REQUIRING THE DISCLOSURE OF AGENTS' FEES IN CONNECTION WITH SALES TO THE GOU. TO THE EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, THIS SUBJECT HAS NEVER COME UP IN DISCUSSION OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

5. APART FROM GENERAL LAWS PROHIBITING BRIBERY OF OFFICIALS, AND
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OTHER FORMS OF IMPROPER INFLUENCE, THERE ARE NO REGULATIONS GOVERN-

ING THE OPERATIONS OF SALES AGENTS.

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